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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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DWPI: IPC A61H & keywords: (acupressure, acupuncture, reflex, meridian, protrusion, point, knob, mask, adjust, modify, secure, attach) and similar terms.

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